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To: District and County Superintendents

Attention: Directors of Testing
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From: Phil Spears, Director
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Subject: **Communication Assistance Materials for 2000 California English –
Language Arts Standards Test Performance Level Summary Reports**

STAR District Coordinators currently are receiving their California English-Language Arts Standards Test Performance Level Summary Reports for the 2000 administration. It is hoped that district and school staffs will review this data and use findings to help guide curriculum alignment and instructional planning for the coming year. Educational leaders also can begin working with staff, students, parents, and community leaders to build understanding and support for this standards-based reporting format.

The attached assistance materials have been prepared to assist personnel responsible for local communication and training efforts. The materials include:

- A two-page fact sheet
- Talking points about the summary reports
- Explanatory data tables.

This packet provides a brief description of the standards-based reporting system for the California Standards Tests scheduled for full implantation within the next years. More in depth information will be included in the STAR assistance materials that are being produced to help report STAR results for the 2001 administration.

If you have further questions, contact the Standards and Assessment Division at (916) 657-3011 (phone), at (916) 657-4964 (fax), at Star@cde.ca.gov (email), or visit our website at www.cde.ca.gov and click on Standards and Assessment. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.